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Interviews: 2,014 adults
Dates: December 9-12,

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<i>High</i> <u>2/91+</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	49	46	43	50	42	46	65	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	34	37	41	32	41	40	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	15	14	13	15	14	11	9	9	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	6	
		<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>			
		54	49	47	55	51			
		33	38	38	31	35			
		10	10	12	12	11			
		3	3	3	2	3			

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<i>High</i> <u>1/99</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	61	60	58	63	58	58	68	68	[139]
Disapprove.....	34	34	37	32	37	36	29	29	
Not sure.....	5	6	5	5	5	6	3	3	
		<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>			
		66	68	65	68	66			
		31	29	31	29	31			
		3	3	4	3	3			

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2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<i>High</i> <u>1/99</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[140]
Approve.....	71	70	66	73	71	73	78	40	40	
Disapprove.....	23	22	27	20	21	18	17	51	51	
Not sure.....	6	8	7	7	8	9	5	9	9	
		<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>				
		74	78	72	74	75				
		20	17	21	21	19				
		6	5	7	5	6				

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2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<i>High</i> <u>10/98+</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>9/94</u>	[141]
Approve.....	50	52	49	54	50	50	70	32	
Disapprove.....	39	39	41	37	41	41	26	60	
Not sure.....	11	9	10	9	9	9	4	8	
		<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>			
		60	65	61	70	63			
		31	28	30	26	29			
		9	7	9	4	8			

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- | | Very
Positive | Somewhat
Positive | Neutral | Somewhat
Negative | Very
Negative | Don't Know
Name/
Not Sure | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Bill Clinton | | | | | | | [142] |
| December 1999..... | 20 | 29 | 15 | 14 | 22 | - | |
| October 1999..... | 20 | 30 | 14 | 13 | 23 | - | |
| September 1999..... | 20 | 26 | 14 | 13 | 27 | - | |
| July 1999..... | 23 | 27 | 14 | 14 | 22 | - | |
| June 1999..... | 19 | 25 | 12 | 15 | 28 | 1 | |
| April 1999..... | 23 | 23 | 14 | 13 | 26 | 1 | |
| March 1999..... | 23 | 25 | 14 | 11 | 27 | - | |
| January 1999..... | 27 | 24 | 12 | 11 | 25 | 1 | |
| December 1998..... | 25 | 26 | 13 | 10 | 26 | - | |
| October 1998 +..... | 25 | 26 | 10 | 12 | 26 | 1 | |
| September 1998..... | 18 | 22 | 17 | 14 | 29 | - | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| January 1993..... | 33 | 31 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 5 | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| June 1999..... | 19 | 25 | 12 | 15 | 28 | 1 | |
| September 1998..... | 18 | 22 | 17 | 14 | 29 | - | |
| Al Gore | | | | | | | [143] |
| December 1999 *..... | 12 | 26 | 25 | 19 | 16 | 2 | |
| October 1999..... | 12 | 27 | 25 | 18 | 16 | 2 | |
| September 1999..... | 10 | 22 | 28 | 19 | 17 | 4 | |
| July 1999..... | 13 | 27 | 26 | 16 | 15 | 3 | |
| June 1999..... | 15 | 23 | 27 | 16 | 15 | 4 | |
| April 1999..... | 11 | 24 | 30 | 14 | 17 | 4 | |
| March 1999..... | 16 | 23 | 29 | 16 | 14 | 2 | |
| January 1999..... | 17 | 24 | 29 | 15 | 12 | 3 | |
| December 1998..... | 17 | 25 | 27 | 13 | 15 | 3 | |
| September 1998..... | 16 | 25 | 32 | 12 | 13 | 2 | |
| July 1998..... | 16 | 26 | 31 | 12 | 13 | 2 | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| January 1993..... | 23 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 6 | 8 | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| September 1999..... | 10 | 22 | 28 | 19 | 17 | 4 | |
| John McCain | | | | | | | [144] |
| December 1999 *..... | 12 | 22 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 36 | |
| October 1999..... | 9 | 20 | 22 | 5 | 2 | 42 | |
| April 1999..... | 8 | 14 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 54 | |
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Q.3 (cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Republican Party							[145]
December 1999 *.....	12	29	23	18	15	3	
June 1999.....	11	26	27	18	15	3	
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
December 1998.....	10	23	26	21	18	2	
October 1998+.....	13	24	22	21	19	1	
September 1998.....	14	27	29	15	14	1	
April 1998.....	10	27	30	18	13	2	
January 1998.....	9	29	30	18	12	2	
September 1997.....	11	25	29	20	13	2	
July 1997.....	8	29	31	19	11	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
Pat Buchanan							[146]
December 1999 *.....	4	13	25	21	26	11	
October 1999.....	4	14	24	20	28	10	
August 1996.....	4	11	26	20	31	8	
March 1996.....	6	16	20	18	32	8	
January 1996.....	3	13	30	12	20	22	
December 1995.....	5	16	24	16	22	17	
February/March 1992.....	5	21	23	18	16	17	
January 1992.....	4	17	22	14	12	31	
December 1991.....	3	15	18	8	9	47	
Jesse Ventura							[147]
December 1999 *.....	9	17	27	15	18	14	
October 1999.....	8	18	23	20	19	12	
July 1999.....	12	24	29	11	6	18	
December 1998	11	16	27	5	4	37	
Donald Trump							[148]
December 1999 *.....	4	12	28	24	25	7	
October 1999.....	3	11	25	23	32	6	
July 1990.....	3	11	28	25	24	9	
The Reform Party, founded by Ross Perot in 1992							[149]
December 1999 *.....	6	17	29	21	19	8	

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4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	45	42	40	43	40	49	61	22	[157]
Disapprove.....	42	45	49	41	42	38	28	69	
Not sure.....	13	13	11	16	18	13	11	9	
		<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>			
		41	50	44	48	61			
		45	40	42	39	28			
		14	10	14	13	11			

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4b. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans are doing as the majority party in Congress? *

Approve.....	47	[158]
Disapprove.....	41	
Not sure.....	12	

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4c. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2000 congressional elections¹--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	[159]
Republican-controlled Congress. .	40	39	39	42	41	37	41	40	41	39	
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	44	41	43	41	40	43	43	39	40	40	
Not sure ²	16	20	18	17	19	20	16	21	19	21	
	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
	37	41	40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
	41	37	42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
	22	22	18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

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¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

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4d. And in next year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	
Deserves to be reelected.....	42	36	30	34	35	34	37	31	31	[160]
Give new person a chance.....	47	50	53	50	47	52	47	56	56	
Not sure.....	11	14	17	16	18	14	16	13	13	
		<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>11/89+</u>	
		27	33	37	42	35	40	39	41	
		62	57	52	48	52	48	48	36	
		11	10	11	10	13	12	13	23	

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5. As you may know, Hillary Rodham Clinton is running for the U.S. Senate from the state of New York. If elected, how much of a contribution to national policy do you think Hillary Rodham Clinton would make as a U.S. senator--a major contribution, some contribution, a minor contribution, or no contribution at all? **

Major contribution.....	20	[161]
Some contribution.....	33	
Minor contribution.....	25	
No contribution at all.....	20	
Not sure.....	2	

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- 6a. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with Social Security							[162]
December 1999 *.....	D-15	38	23	18	14	7	
March 1999.....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
October 1998 +.....	D-23	44	21	25	6	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	37	21	25	13	4	
July 1998.....	D-9	28	19	34	14	5	
January 1998.....	D-11	26	15	34	18	7	
September 1997.....	D-14	33	19	18	22	8	
October 1996.....	D-12	36	24	17	15	8	
December 1995.....	D-22	44	22	14	14	6	
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	16	15	8	
November 1994.....	D-5	32	27	15	16	10	
Dealing with education							[163]
December 1999 *.....	D-13	37	24	25	10	4	
March 1999.....	D-14	37	23	27	9	4	
October 1998 +.....	D-19	40	21	28	7	4	
September 1998.....	D-16	38	22	29	8	3	
September 1997.....	D-20	40	20	22	12	6	
October 1996.....	D-23	46	23	14	9	8	
May 1996+.....	D-16	40	24	19	12	5	
December 1995.....	D-10	35	25	19	14	7	
June 1995.....	D-9	35	26	21	11	7	
October 1994.....	D-13	34	21	24	15	6	
October 1993.....	D-8	32	24	16	24	4	
July 1992+.....	D-25	42	17	25	12	4	
October 1991+.....	D-14	28	14	33	18	7	
October 1990+.....	D-18	33	15	30	14	8	
November 1989+.....	D-15	30	15	32	15	8	

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Q.6a. (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with taxes							[164]
December 1999 *.....	R-3	30	33	19	13	5	
March 1999.....	R-6	29	35	20	12	4	
October 1998 +.....	-	32	32	21	10	5	
September 1998.....	R-6	29	35	22	11	3	
September 1997.....	R-5	26	31	20	16	7	
October 1996.....	R-5	30	35	15	13	7	
May 1996+.....	R-9	25	34	17	19	5	
December 1995.....	R-8	26	34	14	20	6	
June 1995.....	R-13	22	35	15	22	6	
November 1994.....	R-13	23	36	16	17	8	
October 1994.....	R-15	23	38	17	18	4	
October 1993.....	R-11	23	34	16	23	4	
October 1991+.....	R-5	26	31	18	18	7	
Dealing with crime							[165]
December 1999 *.....	R-4	22	26	33	14	5	
March 1999.....	R-7	19	26	37	13	5	
October 1998 +.....	R-8	19	27	38	10	6	
September 1997.....	R-6	21	27	29	16	7	
October 1996.....	D-2	30	28	21	13	8	
May 1996+.....	R-10	21	31	25	16	7	
December 1995.....	R-7	20	27	27	20	6	
June 1995.....	R-15	17	32	25	20	6	
November 1994.....	R-11	14	25	34	19	8	
October 1994.....	R-5	23	28	21	21	7	
July 1994.....	R-8	18	26	33	19	4	
May 1994.....	R-11	9	20	52	15	4	
October 1993.....	R-7	20	27	22	24	7	
Dealing with foreign policy							[166]
December 1999 *.....	R-10	23	33	28	9	7	
March 1999.....	R-5	25	30	31	6	8	
September 1998.....	R-10	23	33	34	6	4	
October 1994.....	R-19	15	34	34	12	5	
October 1993.....	R-27	10	37	11	39	3	
July 1992+.....	R-33	15	48	24	7	6	
Dealing with gun control							[167]
December 1999 *.....	D-5	31	26	18	17	8	
June 1999.....	D-5	29	24	23	16	8	
Reforming HMOs and other managed care plans							[168]
December 1999 *.....	D-16	35	19	20	17	9	

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Q.6a. (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with health care							[169]
December 1999 **.....	D-26	43	17	21	13	6	
March 1999.....	D-24	42	18	23	12	5	
October 1998 +.....	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998.....	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998.....	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996.....	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995.....	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994.....	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994.....	D-16	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994.....	D-9	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993.....	D-28	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993.....	D-48	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+.....	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+.....	D-36	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+.....	D-34	46	12	18	16	8	
Dealing with the economy							[170]
December 1999 **.....	D-3	34	31	24	7	4	
March 1999.....	D-6	35	29	26	6	4	
September 1998.....	-	31	31	29	6	3	
September 1997.....	R-9	25	34	26	9	6	
October 1996.....	D-4	36	32	15	10	7	
May 1996+.....	R-4	26	30	27	14	3	
December 1995.....	R-8	22	30	27	17	4	
June 1995.....	R-12	17	29	29	23	2	
October 1994.....	R-8	22	30	28	16	4	
July 1994.....	R-11	18	29	32	17	4	
June 1994.....	R-5	21	26	39	12	2	
October 1993.....	R-5	22	27	20	28	3	
March 1993.....	D-16	34	18	34	11	3	
July 1992+.....	D-8	26	18	35	18	3	
May 1992.....	D-6	29	23	26	17	5	
January 1992+.....	D-5	28	23	33	12	4	
October 1991+.....	R-1	27	28	26	14	5	
Promoting strong moral values							[171]
December 1999 **.....	R-21	16	37	23	20	4	
Ensuring a strong national defense							[172]
December 1999 **.....	R-28	18	46	24	6	6	

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Q.6a. (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Dealing with abortion							[173]
December 1999 **.....	D-6	30	24	18	18	10	
June 1999.....	D-8	31	23	21	16	9	
May 1996.....	D-9	34	25	10	22	9	
December 1995.....	D-13	33	20	15	21	11	
October 1994.....	D-7	31	24	12	20	13	
October 1993.....	D-8	33	25	19	14	9	
July 1992+.....	D-14	32	18	22	19	9	
May 1992.....	D-13	33	20	14	17	16	
April 1992+.....	D-15	34	19	19	17	11	
February/March 1992+.....	D-11	31	20	20	17	12	
October 1991+.....	D-14	36	22	14	15	13	
Protecting the environment							[174]
December 1998.....	D-29	43	14	25	11	7	
September 1998.....	D-33	45	12	30	9	4	
May 1996.....	D-28	45	17	18	3	7	
December 1995.....	D-32	45	13	20	13	9	
October 1993.....	D-29	44	15	13	22	6	
July 1992+.....	D-27	38	11	27	18	6	
October 1991.....	D-23	39	16	24	12	9	
Dealing with Medicare							[175]
December 1999 **.....	D-24	42	18	21	12	7	
March 1999.....	D-23	41	18	23	10	8	
September 1997.....	D-18	34	16	25	20	5	
October 1996.....	D-14	34	20	24	16	6	
May 1996+.....	D-19	45	26	12	11	6	
December 1995.....	D-20	44	24	13	13	6	
June 1995.....	D-11	33	22	18	19	8	

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- 6b. Please tell me which ONE or TWO of the following issues will be the most important to you in voting in next year's election for Congress. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Education.....	35	[176-177]
Health care.....	28	>
Social Security.....	21	
The economy.....	17	
Moral decline.....	17	
Crime.....	14	
Taxes.....	13	
National security.....	12	
All (VOL).....	7	
None/other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	-	

- 6c. Now I'm going to read you a list of problems that the nation may face in the next few years. Please tell me which one or two you feel are most likely to occur. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)** **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The continuing breakdown of the family.....	38	[178-179]
Terrorist acts on American soil.....	28	>
An increase in violent crime.....	23	
The Social Security trust fund going bankrupt.....	20	
A major economic downturn.....	19	
An international military conflict.....	17	
A major computer virus that shuts down the nation..	8	
All (VOL).....	5	
None (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

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- 7a. If the federal government has a surplus of funds next year, for which one of the following would you like to see the surplus funds used? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Paying down the debt.....	21	[180]
Education.....	21	
Universal health care.....	17	
Social Security.....	16	
Tax cuts.....	14	
Medicare.....	6	
All (VOL).....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

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- 7b. Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
Will be an economic recession.....	23	30	22	15	19	23	32	73	66	[208]
Will not be an economic recession.....	66	56	68	77	70	67	53	19	24	
Not sure.....	11	14	10	8	11	10	15	8	10	
		<u>9/15- 18/90</u>	<u>9/4- 5/90</u>	<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	
		51	58	57	25	30	23	30	31	
		35	30	26	49	57	64	56	56	
		14	12	17	26	13	13	14	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8a. As you may know, the U.S. and China recently signed a trade agreement that would allow China's entry into the World Trade Organization, or W-T-O, the main international trading organization, in exchange for making Chinese markets more open and treating U.S. products the same as those from other countries. Do you think that Congress should or should not approve the trade agreement that would make this possible? **

Congress should approve trade agreement.....	50	[209]
Congress should NOT approve trade agreement ...	38	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 8b. In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and foreign countries have helped the U.S., have hurt the U.S., or haven't they made much of a difference either way?

	12/99**	10/99	
Have helped the U.S.....	39	35	[210]
Have hurt the U.S.....	30	32	
Haven't made much of a difference....	24	24	
Not sure.....	7	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9a. Now, let me read you some concerns that people have raised about the Republican Party, and ask which ONE, if any, concerns you the most. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

They favor the wealthy and big corporations.....	25	
They cut too many programs for people, like Medicare and education programs.....	23	
They are too conservative on social issues, such as abortion.....	13	
They don't go far enough in supporting civil rights for minorities...	6	
They are mean-spirited and negative.....	5	[211]
All (VOL).....	10	
None/other (VOL).....	14	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9b. Now, let me read you some concerns that people have raised about the Democratic Party, and ask which ONE, if any, concerns you the most. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

They are too liberal on social issues, such as abortion and gay rights.....	18	[212]
They are too willing to raise taxes for new government programs.....	18	
They don't support a strong national defense.....	11	
They are too beholden to such interest groups as labor and minority groups.....	11	
They put unreasonable regulations on businesses and individuals...	11	
All (VOL).....	12	
None/other (VOL).....	15	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9c. How influenced do you think (READ ITEM) is by major contributors and special interest groups--very influenced, fairly influenced, just slightly influenced, or not influenced at all? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY INFLUENCED

	<u>Very Influenced</u>	<u>Fairly Influenced</u>	<u>Just Slightly Influenced</u>	<u>Not Influenced At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party.....	49	24	20	3	4	[213]
The Republican Party.....	47	23	21	4	5	[214]
The Reform Party.....	20	15	28	14	23	[215]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, let me ask you a few questions about candidates running for U.S. Congress in your district.

10a. Both political parties agree on using MOST of the projected federal budget surplus to fund Social Security and Medicare. Suppose the election for U.S. Congress were between--

A) a candidate who wants to use the rest of the federal budget surplus to strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and

B) a candidate who wants to use the rest of the federal budget surplus to provide across-the-board tax cuts for families and businesses. Which one would you be more likely to support? **

A) Candidate who wants to use surplus for Social Security/Medicare	63	[216]
B) Candidate who wants to use surplus for across-the-board tax cuts.....	35	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

10b. Suppose the election for U.S. Congress were between

A) a candidate who supports passing stronger gun control measures, and

B) a candidate who says that stronger gun control laws are not needed but that there should be better enforcement of current gun control laws. Which one would you be more likely to support? *

A) Candidate who wants to pass stronger gun control measures.....	37	[217]
B) Candidate who wants to better enforce current gun control measures.....	60	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

10c. Suppose the election for U.S. Congress were between—

A) a candidate who wants to increase federal education funding to help local school districts pay for school construction and new teachers, and

B) a candidate who wants to allow local school districts to spend money as they choose and reduce federal regulations and mandates on education. Which one would you be more likely to support? **

A) Candidate who wants to increase federal education funding.....	55	[218]
B) Candidate who wants to reduce federal regulations/mandates.....	42	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

11a. Divided government means having one political party in control of the White House and the other political party in control of Congress. Which one of the following statements about divided government do you agree with more?

A) Divided government is bad for the nation, because the two parties gridlock and nothing gets accomplished.

B) Divided government is good for the nation, because the only way to pass something through Congress and have it signed by the President is for both parties to compromise. *

A) Divided government is bad.....	28	[219]
B) Divided government is good.....	66	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

11b. In general, do you think it is better for the same political party to control both the Congress and the presidency, so they can work together more closely, or do you think it is better to have different political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency to prevent either one from going too far?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	
Better if same party controls Congress and the presidency.....	33	34	25	43	42	33	36	30	[220]
Better if different parties control Congress and the presidency.....	60	55	67	44	48	55	55	59	
Not sure.....	7	11	8	13	10	12	9	11	
		<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	
		33	30	37	32	28	39	40	
		56	58	51	61	62	47	46	
		11	12	12	7	10	14	14	
	<u>8/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>1/90+</u>	<u>9/86+</u>	
	43	40	32	28	24	23	24	28	
	44	47	61	62	67	67	63	64	
	13	13	7	10	9	10	13	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

11c. As you may know, the Congress and the presidency are controlled by different parties. Do you think this divided government does or does not work well for the country?

Does work well for the country.....	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	[221]
	55	58	56	

Does not work well for the country.....	37	34	36
Not sure.....	8	8	8

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 11d. Suppose the outcome of the November 2000 elections were a divided government in which the Congress and the presidency were controlled by different parties Which would you prefer--that the Republicans control the presidency and the Democrats control the Congress, or that the Democrats control the presidency and the Republicans control the Congress?

Prefer that Republicans control presidency/Democrats control Congress.....	40	[222]
Prefer that Democrats control presidency/Republicans control Congress.....	45	
Not sure.....	15	

- 12a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	18	[223]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	Skip to Q.14a
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly independent.....	21	CONTINUE
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	11	Skip to Q.13a
Strong Republican.....	13	
Other.....	6	Skip to Q.15a
Not sure/nothing.....	1	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE STRICTLY INDEPENDENTS IN Q.12a.)

- 12b. If you absolutely had to choose between one of the two parties, would you be more likely to choose the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Democratic Party.....	39	[224]
Republican Party.....	39	SKIP TO
Neither/other (VOL).....	11	Q.15a
Not sure/nothing.....	11	

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.12a.)

13a. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
George W. Bush.....	59	68	59	59	61	48	53	36	[225]
John McCain.....	18	15	7	3	4	6	2	5	
Steve Forbes.....	6	6	5	4	6	6	6	4	
Alan Keyes.....	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Orrin Hatch.....	3	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Gary Bauer.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	NA	
None/other (VOL).....	2	2	2	3	3	5	4	2	
Not sure.....	5	6	4	7	5	6	4	7	

	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
Gary Bauer.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
George W. Bush.....	52	41	34	40	26	24	20	24
Steve Forbes.....	6	7	7	11	10	11	7	8
Orrin Hatch.....	NA	8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Alan Keyes.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
John McCain.....	NA	NA	NA	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
None/other (VOL).....	6	9	8	11	4	13	18	11
Not sure.....	7	5	9	10	13	9	7	9

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey.

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.13a.)

13b.. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.13a)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.13a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.13a)**?

	<u>Bush Voters</u>	<u>McCain Voters</u>		
Definitely vote for candidate.....	50	36	SKIP TO Q.15a	[226]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it....	28	32		
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	21	31		
Not sure.....	1	1		

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.12a)

14a. The candidates in the Democratic primary are Bill Bradley and Al Gore. For whom would you vote if the election were held today--Bill Bradley or Al Gore? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	32	29	32	24	17	23	20	[227]
Al Gore.....	54	53	53	60	65	62	65	
None/other (VOL).....	3	7	5	5	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	11	11	10	11	14	10	10	
	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	13	12	12	14	13	11	9	
Al Gore.....	45	49	51	45	47	52	56	
None/other (VOL).....	6	7	4	NA	5	7	11	
Not sure.....	12	9	14	29	14	9	6	

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.14a.)

14b. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.14a)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.14a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.14a)**?

	<u>Bradley Voters</u>	<u>Gore Voters</u>		
Definitely vote for candidate.....	34	44	SKIP TO Q.15a	[228]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it....	29	28		
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	36	27		
Not sure.....	1	1		

Now, I'm going to ask you a few questions about the next presidential election. . .

15a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/99</u>		<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	39		39	35	37	36	35	34	[229]
George W. Bush.....	50		49	52	50	51	53	52	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	SKIP TO Q.16a	5	6	5	4	5	4	
Not sure.....	6		7	7	8	9	7	10	
			<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>		
			40	40	39	41	45		
			50	48	49	44	39		
			5	5	5	5	8		
			5	7	7	10	8		

+ Asked only of registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.15a.)

15b. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.15a)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.15a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.15a)**?

	Gore Voters	Bush Voters		
Definitely vote for candidate.....	64	66	SKIP TO	[230]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it....	20	18	Q.16c	
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	15	16		
Not sure.....	1	-		

16a. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/99</u>		<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	39		39	37	31	[231]
George W. Bush.....	47		48	46	49	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	SKIP TO	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	10	Q.16c	9	12	15	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.16a.)

16b. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.16a)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.16a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.16a)**?

	Bradley Voters	Bush Voters		
Definitely vote for candidate.....	57	58	SKIP TO	[232]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it....	26	23	Q.16c	
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	16	19		
Not sure.....	1	-		

16c. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and John McCain were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	40	43	45	[233]
John McCain.....	40	36	28	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	7	9	
Not sure.....	14	14	18	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16d. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate and John McCain were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	41	44	[234]
John McCain.....	35	25	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	9	
Not sure.....	19	22	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

16e. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

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Al Gore.....	38	38	34	[235]
George W. Bush.....	47	44	47	
Pat Buchanan.....	6	6	8	
None/other (VOL).....	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	5	7	6	

- 16f. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>10/99</u>	[236]
Bill Bradley.....	37	38	
George W. Bush.....	46	43	
Pat Buchanan.....	5	8	
None/other (VOL).....	3	4	
Not sure.....	9	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 16g. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Jesse Ventura were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>7/99</u>	[237]
Al Gore.....	37	32	
George W. Bush.....	44	44	
Jesse Ventura.....	10	12	
None/other (VOL).....	4	4	
Not sure.....	5	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16h. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Ross Perot were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote? **

Al Gore.....	35	[238]
George W. Bush.....	48	
Ross Perot.....	9	
None/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. Which one of the following slogans best describes what your vote will be saying when you vote in next year's presidential election? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Keep America on a steady course.....	29	[239]
Leadership for a new century.....	23	
Time for a change.....	16	
Right on the issues.....	14	
Making America proud of its president.....	14	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

18. How much interest do you personally have in the 2000 presidential election -- a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or none at all?

	<u>12/99</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>	
A great deal of interest.....	37	38	[240]
Quite a bit of interest.....	31	27	
Just some interest.....	24	23	
Very little interest.....	7	8	
No interest at all	1	3	
Not sure.....	-	1	

¹In December 1995, the question referred to the 1996 presidential election.

- 19a. Do you think that quite a few of the people running government are a little crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked at all?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>10/9</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1984</u>	
Quite a few are crooked.....	55	<u>1</u> 63	49	40	32	[241]
Not very many are crooked.....	32	27	40	45	50	
Hardly any are crooked.....	10	7	9	11	14	
Not sure.....	3	3	2	4	4	
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1964</u>	
	47	<u>1</u> 49	<u>1</u> 34	<u>1</u> 25	<u>1</u> 28	
	41	38	46	49	49	
	8	10	16	18	18	
	4	3	4	8	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹Data shown comes from surveys conducted by the Center for Political Studies

- 19b. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "It doesn't make much difference how I vote because all politicians are pretty much alike anyway"?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>2-3/92</u>	
Agree.....	26	25	[242]
Disagree.....	73	73	
Not sure.....	1	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. When it comes to elections for major national offices, such as president and Congress, how often would you say that you vote for the SAME party's candidates for both president and Congress--all the time, most of the time, some of the time, or none of the time?

All the time.....	15	[243]
Most of the time.....	37	
Some of the time.....	39	
None of the time.....	7	
Not sure.....	2	

- 21a. Which one of the following statements do you agree with more?

Statement A): After eight years of the Clinton-Gore Administration, it's time for a change.

Statement B): With the nation at peace and the economy as strong as it is, we should continue with the Democrats in the White House. *

Statement A: time for change.....	49	[244]
Statement B: same course/continue with Democrats. .	45	
Some of both (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 21b. If the Constitution allowed presidents to be elected to a third term in office, would you consider voting for Bill Clinton in next year's presidential election or not? *

Yes, would consider voting for Bill Clinton.....	32	[245]
No, would NOT consider voting for Bill Clinton...	64	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 21c. If elected president, do you feel that Al Gore would continue President Clinton's policies and agenda, or do you think that Al Gore would adopt his own policies and agenda?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>7/99¹</u>	
Al Gore would continue Clinton's policies and agenda...	26	33	[246]
Al Gore would adopt own policies and agenda.....	62	49	
Some of both (VOL).....	8	12	
Not sure.....	4	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In July 1999, the question was phrased, "... would *pursue* his own policies and agenda?"

- 22a. Which is the more important consideration for you in deciding whom to support for president--a candidate's ideas and policies for the future, or a candidate's leadership style and personal trustworthiness?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>10/87¹</u>	
Ideas and policies for the future.....	39	37	[247]
Leadership style/trustworthiness.....	49	46	
Both equal (VOL).....	10	15	
Not sure.....	2	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Comparative data shown comes from a survey conducted for the Chicago Tribune among 1501 registered voters in Illinois, Texas, California, Florida, and New York.

- 22b. In voting for president, who would you prefer--someone who has experience in and is knowledgeable about Washington, or someone who is not part of the Washington establishment?

	<u>12/99**</u>	<u>12/91</u>	
Someone who has experience in and is knowledgeable about Washington.....	49	54	[248]
Someone who is not part of the Washington establishment.....	35	32	
Both equally (VOL).....	7	3	
Neither (VOL).....	2	3	
Not sure.....	7	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 22c. When it comes to a presidential candidate's approach to health care, which candidate would you prefer--a candidate who proposes a big, bold solution that would result in nearly all people receiving health insurance coverage but would be much more expensive, or a candidate who proposes a modest solution that is less expensive but will not provide health insurance coverage to as many people? **

	<u>All Adults</u>	<u>Demo-crats</u>	
Candidate with big, bold solution that is expensive/covers more people.....	47	60	[249]
Candidate with modest solution that is less expensive/covers less people.....	39	27	
Some of both/depends on issues (VOL).....	8	9	
Not sure.....	6	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**'s ability to keep the nation's economy strong and growing, would you say you are very confident, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or not at all confident in his ability?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY CONFIDENT

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Fairly Confident</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not At All Confident</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush.....	18	25	32	18	7	[250]
Al Gore.....	14	22	31	28	5	[251]
Bill Bradley.....	9	20	36	16	19	[253]
John McCain.....	9	19	29	15	28	[254]
Steve Forbes.....	9	15	28	27	21	[252]

24. I'm going to read you several topics that may be discussed and debated during the presidential campaign over the coming months. In the context of your making a decision to vote for one candidate or another, please tell me how important it is to you to know each of the following things. Use a five-point scale on which a "1" means that it is not at all important and a "5" means that it is extremely important.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT (RATING OF "5")

	Extremely Important			Not Important At All		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Their plans for keeping the economy growing **.....	61	28	8	2	1	-	[267]
Their position on taxes and government spending *.....	61	25	8	2	3	1	[262]
Their approach to solving the Social Security problem *.....	58	25	12	3	2	-	[259]
Their plans for public education **.....	56	27	12	2	2	1	[269]
Their personal character and qualities **.....	48	22	19	5	6	-	[264]
Their record of performance in government service *.....	46	30	17	3	3	1	[257]
Their policies and approaches to dealing with China and Russia *.....	43	28	20	5	3	1	[260]
Their position on civil rights **.....	43	26	21	6	3	1	[268]
Their experience in dealing with foreign policy issues **.....	42	34	19	3	2	-	[265]
Their approach to reforming Medicare **.....	39	31	23	4	2	1	[270]
Their position on abortion *.....	34	16	23	11	15	1	[258]
Their experience and success in jobs outside of government service **.....	27	30	29	8	5	1	[263]
The importance of religion in their life **.....	27	14	23	14	22	-	[271]
Their record of military service *.....	18	13	28	18	23	-	[255]
Whether they have ever used illegal drugs *.....	15	10	19	19	37	-	[256]
What role their wife plans to play as First Lady *.....	13	12	26	17	31	1	[261]
The details of their family life and marriage **...	13	8	24	20	35	-	[266]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

25a. How would you rate AL GORE on the following qualities, using a five-point scale on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Has high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country *	33	24	25	6	9	3	[274]
Trustworthy enough to do the right thing when making decisions *	27	27	27	7	9	3	[278]
Compassionate enough to understand average people *	26	27	26	10	9	2	[272]
Knowledgeable enough to deal with foreign policy *	19	26	32	10	9	4	[277]
Has the vision to move the country forward *	18	22	32	12	13	3	[276]
Has the strong leadership qualities needed to be president *	17	20	30	15	16	2	[279]
Can work effectively with Congress to get results *	15	22	39	10	10	4	[275]
Independent enough to stand up to special interests *	15	19	33	14	16	3	[273]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

25b. How would you rate GEORGE W. BUSH on the following qualities, using a five-point scale on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Has the strong leadership qualities needed to be president **	26	27	24	10	9	4	[314]
Trustworthy enough to do the right thing when making decisions **	24	29	26	9	8	4	[313]
Has high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country **	22	28	28	8	9	5	[309]
Can work effectively with Congress to get results **	18	30	32	7	7	6	[310]
Compassionate enough to understand average people **	22	24	28	10	12	4	[280]
Has the vision to move the country forward **	19	27	30	9	10	5	[311]
Independent enough to stand up to special interests **	18	24	30	10	13	5	[308]
Knowledgeable enough to deal with foreign policy **	13	29	31	10	13	4	[312]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 25c. Let me read you this list of qualities again. This time, please tell me which ONE or TWO of these items will be the most important to you personally when you vote in next year's election for president. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Trustworthy enough to do the right thing when making decisions.....	22	[315-316]
Has the vision to move the country forward.....	21	>
Can work effectively with Congress to get results.....	20	
Has the strong leadership qualities needed to be president.....	19	
Has high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country.....	18	
Compassionate enough to understand average people....	13	
Independent enough to stand up to special interests.....	12	
Knowledgeable enough to deal with foreign policy.....	12	
All (VOL).....	10	
None/other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

- 25d. For each of the following descriptions I read, please tell me whether that applies to you personally. **(READ ITEM)--Does that apply to you or not?**

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Voted for Ross Perot in either the 1992 or 1996 presidential elections.....	14	85	1	[317]
Am an immigrant.....	4	96	-	[318]
Have a computer at home.....	65	35	-	[319]
Regularly use the Internet or other on-line computer services.....	53	47	-	[320]
Have contributed money to a political candidate over the Internet.....	2	98	-	[321]
Have used the Internet to learn about political candidates and follow campaigns.....	22	78	-	[322]
Have made a purchase over the Internet.....	35	65	-	[323]

Now I'd like to get your opinions on a few other subjects that NBC News and The Wall Street Journal are interested in.

- 26a. Sometime in the next few years, voting over the Internet is likely to be offered as an option to voters. Suppose Internet voting were made available in your state or district and you had the choice between going to your polling place and using a traditional voting booth OR voting at home or work via the Internet. Which would you prefer--casting your vote in a voting booth or casting your vote over the Internet? *

Cast vote in voting booth.....	44	[324]
Cast vote over the Internet.....	53	
Neither/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26b. Generally speaking, do you think that allowing voting over the Internet is a good idea or a bad idea? *

Internet voting is a good idea.....	46	[325]
Internet voting is a bad idea.....	46	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26c. To what extent will you use the Internet as a source of information for next year's political campaigns--will you use it as a primary source, a secondary source, or will you not use it at all? *

Primary source.....	8	[326]
Secondary source.....	40	
Will not use at all.....	44	SKIP TO
Do not have computer/Internet access.....	6	Q.26e
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

(ASK ONLY IF PLAN TO USE INTERNET AS PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SOURCE IN Q.26c)

26d. Which ONE or TWO of the following best describes the type of Web site to which you would be most likely to turn to get your information on next year's political campaigns? (ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)

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THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Web sites hosted by traditional news providers such as newspapers and television news.....	47	[327]
Web sites that specialize in political news.....	25	>
Web sites hosted by non-partisan groups such as the League of Women Voters.....	24	
Web sites hosted by individual political candidates.....	11	
Web sites hosted by the major political parties.....	8	
Web sites hosted by advocacy organizations such as environmental or women's organizations.....	8	
All (VOL).....	2	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure (VOL).....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26e. How much of your holiday shopping are you planning to do or have you done over the Internet--all of it, most of it, some of it, or none of it? *

All of it.....	1	[328]
Most of it.....	3	CONTINUE
Some of it.....	18	
None of it.....	77	Skip to Q.26g
Not sure.....	1	Skip to Q27a

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

(ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO PLAN TO DO AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR HOLIDAY SHOPPING OVER THE INTERNET IN Q.26e.)

26f. Which one of the following reasons best describes why you are planning to do or have done your holiday shopping over the Internet? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

It is more convenient and I avoid the holiday rush at stores.....	54	[329]
It is easier to compare prices and find deals.....	21	
There is a greater selection of items.....	8	
The merchant ships the gift directly to the recipient.....	6	
All (VOL).....	7	
None/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure (VOL).....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

(ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT PLAN TO DO ANY OF THEIR HOLIDAY SHOPPING OVER THE INTERNET IN Q.26e.)

26g. Which one of the following reasons best describes why you are NOT planning to do any holiday shopping over the Internet? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

I don't like giving credit card information over the Internet.....	30	[330]
I prefer to see the product in person before purchasing it.....	28	
I don't use the Internet very much.....	12	
I enjoy going to stores.....	9	
All (VOL).....	8	
None/other (VOL).....	11	
Not sure (VOL).....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

26h. As you may know, purchases made over the Internet currently are not taxed. Some people argue that Internet sales should be taxed because without a sales tax Internet purchasing will undermine sales at retail stores, which have to charge tax on the same products, and this ultimately will hurt the tax base of states that depend on sales tax revenues to fund their programs. Other people argue that Internet sales should not be taxed because taxes will be hard to collect and will only slow down this new kind of business activity. With this in mind, do you think that Internet sales should or should not be taxed? **

Internet sales should be taxed.....	52	[331]
Internet sales should NOT be taxed.....	41	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Changing to a variety of topics now. . .

- 27a. As you may know, a federal judge has ruled that Microsoft is a monopoly and has used its dominant position to harm competitors. Microsoft says that the company is not a monopoly and is just doing what any competitive business would do. Do you agree or disagree with the judge's ruling that Microsoft is a monopoly? **

Agree with judge/Microsoft is monopoly.....	41	[332]
Disagree with judge/Microsoft is not a monopoly.....	49	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 27b. Do you think that Microsoft should or should not be broken up into several smaller companies, the way that AT&T was in the 1980s? *

Should be broken up into several smaller companies.....	29	[333]
Should NOT be broken up into several smaller companies.....	52	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	16	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

28. Which one of the following statements about dealing with the drug problem comes closest to your own point of view?

Statement A: Legalize drugs, but strictly regulate their distribution.

Statement B: Concentrate on arresting and jailing drug dealers and do not prosecute occasional drug users.

Statement C: Arrest and jail all drug dealers and repeat offenders, but only fine first-time drug users.

Statement D: Arrest and jail anyone at all who sells or uses drugs.

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>9/89+</u>	
A/Legalize but regulate.....	18	13	7	[334]
B/Arrest dealers, but do not prosecute.....	17	15	12	
C/Jail all dealers, but not 1st-time offenders.....	29	30	38	
D/Arrest and jail all sellers and users.....	29	37	39	
Combination (VOL).....	2	2	NA	
None (VOL).....	2	1	1	
Not sure.....	3	2	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

29. Should juveniles age thirteen and under who commit murder be tried as adults, or not?

	<u>12/99*</u>	<u>4/98</u>	
Should be tried as adults.....	50	56	[335]
Should not be tried as adults.....	37	31	
Not sure.....	13	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

30. I'm going to read you a list of things that people might do to prepare for the Y2K problem. Which of the following steps, if any, are you planning to take--or have you already taken--to prepare for the Y2K problem? (ACCEPT ALL THAT APPLY.) *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Stay near your home rather than traveling on New Year's Eve...	41	[336-337]
Take out extra money from the bank before New Year's Day.....	35	>
Stockpile canned goods or water.....	33	
Check your own computer for Y2K problems.....	27	
Make copies of important documents.....	25	
Buy a power generator for your home.....	6	
Take out money from the stock market.....	5	
Not planning to take any steps.....	24	
All (VOL).....	2	
Other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 31a. As you may know, the U.S. cut off normal diplomatic relations with Cuba's government in 1961. Do you think that the U.S. should or should not resume normal diplomatic relations with Cuba's government. **

U.S. should resume normal diplomatic relations.....	46	[338]
U.S. should NOT resume normal diplomatic relations...	44	
Not sure.....	10	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 31b. As you may know, during a recent escape attempt from Cuba to Florida, a six-year-old Cuban boy was rescued, but his mother drowned. The boy was brought to his relatives in the U.S. Cuban leader Fidel Castro and the boy's father, who still lives in Cuba, are demanding the boy's return to Cuba. Do you think that the U.S. government should or should not return the boy to his father in Cuba? **

U.S. government should return the boy.....	48	[339]
U.S. government should not return the boy....	37	
Not sure.....	15	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	11	[347-348]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	6	
65-69.....	5	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	6	
Refused.....	2	

- F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[349-350]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	

2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	9
Doctoral/law degree.....	3
Not sure/refused.....	1

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	25	[351-352]
White collar worker.....	21	
Blue collar worker.....	19	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	8	
Retired.....	19	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	7	[359]
Somewhat liberal.....	19	
Moderate.....	29	
Somewhat conservative.....	23	
Very conservative.....	12	
Not sure.....	10	

F5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	86	[360]
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	2	

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	22	[361]
Married.....	57	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F7. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	36	[362]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	62	
Not sure.....	2	

F8. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	48	CONTINUE	[365]
Catholic.....	28		
Jewish.....	3	SKIP TO	
Other.....	13	Q.F10	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)

F9. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	16	[366]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	29	
Not sure.....	3	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8).....	52	

F10. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	9	[367]
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	82	
Not sure.....	2	

F11a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[368]
White.....	78	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

F11b. While we are all Americans, our ancestors come from different ethnic groups and countries. From what ethnic group or nationality do most of your ancestors come?

African.....	8	[369-377]
American Indian/Native American.....	6	

Asian (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indian).....	1
Caribbean.....	1
English/Scottish.....	17
French/Canadian.....	3
German.....	20
Hispanic/Spanish/South or Central American.....	5
Irish.....	13
Italian.....	5
Portuguese.....	1
Scandinavian.....	4
Slavic (Russian/Polish, Eastern European, etc.).....	4
Other European.....	4
Other.....	-
Not sure/refused.....	8

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[378]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	10	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	13	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000.....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	19	